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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 124 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/60/608 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2.

2. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the expenditure authorization for the biennium 2006-2007 (A/60/889) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/7/Add.40).

3. The Fifth Committee considered the question of expenditure authorization for the biennium 2006-2007 at its 62nd, 63rd and 65th meetings, on 20, 23 and 28 June 2006. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/60/SR.62, 63 and 65).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.5/60/L.44

4. At its 65th meeting, on 28 June 2006, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Expenditure authorization for the biennium 2006-2007" (A/C.5/60/L.44), which was submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

5. Before the adoption of the draft decision, the representatives of the United States of America, Japan and Australia made statements in explanation of position (see A/C.5/60/SR.65).

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/60/L.44 without a vote (see para. 8 below).

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7. After the adoption of the draft decision, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union) and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Expenditure authorization for the biennium 2006-2007

The General Assembly, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the expenditure authorization for the biennium 2006-2007[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] decides to authorize expenditure of the remaining funds appropriated in Assembly resolution 60/247 A.

[1] A/60/889.
[2] A/60/7/Add.40.